(a) what is the view of Government on the recommendations of K. Subrahmanyam Committee on Kargil;

(b) what are the recommendations accepted and implemented so far by Government; and

(c) the reasons for not accepting or not implementing other recommendations as yet?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) While specific recommendations made by Kargil Review Committee (Subrahmanyam Committee) for acquisition of (a) high altitude UAVs, (b) communication interception equipment, (c) satellite imagery capability of world standards, and (d) development of skills in encryption/decryption have been accepted by the Government, many of its recommendations need to be developed into specific actionable policies and programmes. In a few cases, consultation with and accpetance of the recommendations by the State Governments is also required. The Government has in view of the importance and sensitivity of the subject and after careful consideration of these recommendations and other relevant aspects decided that the national security system in its entirety be thoroughly reviewed by a Group of Ministers headed by the Home Minister with Raksha Mantri, External Affairs Minister and Finance Minister as its members.

Fifth Pay Commission recommendations for Navy

2774. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Navy has decided to hold the implementation of the recommendation of the Fifth Central Pay Commission for the time being; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pak Preparedness Along LOC

2775. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that hundreds of heavily armed mercenaries backed by enhanced troop strength have been amassed by Pakistan at certain points along the Line of Control in Northern J & K as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 20th March, 2000;

(b) whether Pakistan Government had also placed orders for purchase of huge amount of winter stocking including snow-boots and mountaineering skiing equipment from European countries; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto indicating whether Pak army/mercenary/concentration could have serious security ramifications for India especially during ensuing summer season?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Available reports indicate that Pakistan has procured/is procuring special clothing and equipment over and above its normal requirement.

(c) All developments having a bearing on India's national security are constantly monitored and necessary steps are taken from time to time to maintain appropriate defence preparedness to deal with all contingencies.

Taking over of Roads by BRO

2776. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Border Roads Organisation has taken over roads of strategic importance in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of such roads; and

(c) the problems faced by the BRO in construction of such roads and the criteria/norms laid down for determination of such roads of strategic importance?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) Names of the roads taken over are given in the statement (*see* below).

(c) For roads being constructed in inaccessible and inhospitable areas, transporation of equipments and others supplies to work site is the main problem. The criteria for determination of roads of strategic importance is governed by the operational plan of the Army. There is no fixed criterion/norms laid down.